Control and Growth of Drugs & Pharmaceutical Industry" in the Country. The new measures aim at ensuring abundant availability, on a continuous basis, at reasonable prices of essential, life saving and prophylactic medicines of good quality. These measures *inter-alia* provide for incentives to encourage production of essential and life saving drugs.

Electrification of villages in West Bengal

*19. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state the total number of villages electrified and total number of pumps energised in West Bengal during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): The number of villages electrified and pumpsets energised in West Bengal during the last three years are as under:--

Year	Electrification of villages	Energisation of pumpsets
1984-85	881	7768
1985-86	1330	8054
1986-87	1350	4842

Thermal power project plans of Gujarat Government

*20. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of plans for thermal power projects submitted by Gujarat Government to the Central Government have not been cleared since long; if so, what are the details thereof and since when these are pending;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the required quantity of coal and gas for the above projects is not being supplied; if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the quantity of coal and gas committed for the thermal power projects not yet finally cleared; and

(d) wheher any other constraints including financial, are holding up the clearance of the projects; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (d) Information in respect of proposals submitted by the State authorities for setting up of thermal power projects and the present status thereof is contained in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below).

Linkage of coal and gas for proposed projects has to be related to projections of their availability in the relevant time-frame and relative priority of projects keeping in view, *inter alia*, the power requirements of Region/State.

The proposals received can be considered for approval after all necessary inputs, including financial resources, have been tied up and requisite clearances, such as from the environmental angle, have become available.